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SHOULD BE DEEPENED. One of the crying needs of the Columbia river district is a deeper channel leading to the city of Vancouver, Wash. For years there has been insufficient depth there, with the result that Vancouver has been entirely cut off from exporting lumber. No one expects that Vancouver will rise to the proportions of a great seaport, but just the same her manufacturers should have the opportunity of shipping their product.

Not long since the American ship Two Brothers went to Vancouver to load lumber. After loading she started down the river, but proceeded only a short distance when a sandbar was encountered. Part of her cargo was lightened and she continued her trip, only to encounter other similar obstructions, with the result that it was found necessary to remove the entire cargo and employ the services of a dredge before she reached deep water. Another vessel now in the upper river is experiencing the same trouble, and the indications are it will be necessary to dredge her out of the pocket in which she floats.

It is to be hoped the Washington congressional delegation will attend to this matter at the present session, and that Oregon's representatives will render such assistance as may be necessary. The channel could be deepened at slight cost and the advantage to shipping would be very great.

THE NATIONAL CHAIRMANSHIP.

It will be a cause of regret to the republican party of Senator Hanna's health makes it impossible for him to continue as chairman of the national committee, says the New York Tribune. For two presidential campaigns he has managed the affairs of the organization and led it to victory. He has won the confidence of the country, and is in particularly close touch with the business interests, whose recovery from the blight of 1893 he did so much to promote. As the close friend of the lamented McKinley and the organizer of the movement for his nomination, Mr. Hanna has held the affection of large numbers of people devoted to the memory of the late president. It was the hope of the great body of republicans, and certainly the wish of the successor of President McKinley and the prospective candidate of next year, that he should give the party in the coming contest the benefit of his great abilities

and large experience. If retirement is rendered imperative by his health, the report that President Roosevelt himself has suggested Mr. Root for the possible vacancy does credit to the president's political sagacity. Mr. Root is one of the large men of the country, and he is one of the men whom the country trusts. He is astute, has executive capacity and intimately understands politics—including that most difficult branch of the science, and most important one at this time, New York politics. Mr. Root would not come to the head of the national committee unless the necessity of getting acquainted with political and business leaders. He knows them already, and they know him. A campaign under his management would be prosecuted with aggressiveness and resource just where the democrats have hoped to find timidity and weakness. Every natural republican would cordially work under him.

Secretary Root, it is said, would be reluctant to take the chairmanship. He has devoted several years to the public service at the sacrifice of his private business, and has long been planning to return to his law practice with the honors won by his admirable work as secretary of war. His friendship for the president and his devotion to the republican party are such, however, that there should be an excellent prospect of overcoming his reluctance. He has not hitherto shunned posts of honor when he was needed in them. It would not be like him to do it now. The office is one of dignity and power worthy of his reputation.

HARD-TIMES ALWAYS PRESENT.

When you are rich some one else is going needy. When one nation is prosperous some other nation is comparatively shy of residents on Easy street. Just now the whole world is taking off its hat to the Rich-Man-Out-West, but the Old-Man-of-Lombard-street is not so fortunate, says the Seattle Times.

According to the cable reports this is likely to be one of the worst winters that the poor of London have ever had to face. The Salvation Army is already besieged by more than twice as many applicants for relief as it is usually called upon to provide for at this season of the year, and every night between 3000 and 4000 people are being turned away from the "shelters" to sleep in the streets. Mr. S. Ford Ridley, member of Parliament for the southwest division of Bethnal Green, says: "Men are losing their employment by thousands, owing to the general depression in trade." As an indication of the condition of things it may be said that a London paper which has looked into the matter finds that there are about 200 applicants for each position that is advertised in the city papers.

It has been found that in some quarters of the British metropolis people herd together like animals. In a case before one of the courts a few days ago the fact was brought out that in many of the poorer districts adult males and females were crowded into the same apartments without regard to relationship. In one case a room had been sublet by its tenants, so that in addition to the family that had originally leased the place there were ten men and women occupying it. They slept on the floor and in boxes.

Nor is the distressing condition confined to London. Things are reported to be just as bad in the northern part of England and almost as bad in the southern districts.

The dispatches yesterday announce

that our state department will make investigation of the intended Kischinef massacre, scheduled for January 7. Our agents abroad are to be asked for information, that the government may know just exactly what is going on. This is a notable departure, for it has always been the policy of the United States to avoid mixing in foreign affairs. However, the Jewish massacres have become so revolting that the interference of the civilized world is necessary, and it is quite probable the larger nations will act in concert in the effort to prevent further slaughter. The Russians are intensely bitter toward the Jews, because of the fact that the latter, being more industrious, are the more prosperous. In some of the districts the Russians are actually in want because of the superior application of the Jews. This is poor excuse for massacre, and it is gratifying to note that the civilized world is about to take cognizance of the matter.

There are no extenuating circumstances in the case of Dave G. Van Houten, who shot and killed Albert Young in Portland on Monday. Mrs. Van Houten says her husband had not provided for her or their two children for four years, by virtue of which he had lost all claim to her. That she sought the company of Young was quite natural, and that the infuriated husband should have shot him down in cold blood was unnatural in the extreme. The man who regards his wife with so little concern that he declines to support her is certainly not entitled to any consideration at her hands, and that the murder grew out of this situation indicates only that capital punishment will be imposed upon the cowardly murderer.

It looks now as if the United States would be compelled to chastise Colombia, while at the same time administering a spanking to the San Dominican rebels. Both need it, and both will receive it.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the committee on Streets and Public Ways of the common council of the City of Astoria, Superintendent of Streets and City Surveyor have filed with the Auditor and Police Judge of said City a certificate of the acceptance of the improvement of Franklin avenue, from the west line of Fifth street to the west line of Ninth street, under ordinance No. 2334, by L. Lebeck, the contractor, and unless objections are filed against the same, said improvement will be accepted by ordinance at the next regular meeting of said council.

OLEF ANDERSON, Auditor and Police Judge.

Dated Astoria, Oregon, December 29, 1903.

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OTIS PATTERSON, EDGAR W. STAHL, ROBERT GIBSON.

Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 24, 1903.

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Table with columns LEAVE, PORTLAND, ARRIVE. 7:45 a.m. For Portland and 11:30 a.m. 6:10 p.m. Way Points 10:30 p.m.

Table with columns LEAVE, PORTLAND, ARRIVE. 8:15 a.m. Astoria for Warren- 7:40 a.m. 11:35 a.m. ton, Flavel, Fort 4:00 p.m. 5:50 p.m. Stevens, Hammond 10:45 a.m. and Seaside.

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